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NEVER QUITE FAMILIAR!

Strange the world about me lies,
Never quite familiar grown—
Still disturbs me with surprise,
Haunts me with a face half-known.

In this house with starry dome,
Floored with gemlike plains and seas,
Shall I never feel at home,
Never be wholly at ease?

On from room to room I stray,
Yet my Host can ne'er espy,
And I know not to this day
Whether guest or captive I.

So between the starry dome
And the floor of the plains and seas,
I have never felt at home,
Never wholly at my ease.

INAUGURATION CEREMONY

On October 11th, Founders' Day, Herman F. wartz was inaugurated president of the Pacific chool of Religion. Representatives of 60 schools f learning participated. President Swartz's inaug-ral address was upon "The Educational Prepara-on of the Minister."

One of the most impressive features of the pro-ram was the presentation of the charter of the chool to President Swartz, by Rev. Francis J. Van lorn, President of the Board of Trustees. He eferred to the first trustees as "men of prophetic ision, whose purpose was through this school to ring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth." The only ving founder of the School, Rev. William Chauncey ond, was one of the guests of honor, seated on the latform.

Dr. Swartz in accepting the charter said—" It is ith a grave sense of responsibility that we accept is, for the church, for the state, for the young eople who are coming to us and for the Lord and laster of all. In His name we all unite in receiv-g this commission of service."

Professor William F. Bade, dean of the school presided at the ceremony. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. William C. Pond.

A MISSION SCHOOL PRODUCT.

Pomona College honored itself when it honored Mr. Fong Sec with the degree of LL. D. Suffer a word of reminiscence respecting him which begins when I first met him and guessed as to the possibilities that were in him.

It was at our mission school at Sacramento in which he came to some knowledge of the English language and to a better knowledge of Christ. It was by stealth that he was able to be with us. The 'uncles' and 'cousins' who regarded themselves as responsible for his conduct locked him up in the evening to keep him loyal to the old customs and superstitions; but he found a way, perhaps through an open window, to the ground, and to use his word distinctly remembered by me, he "scooted."

His progress both in school work and the Christian life was such I soon made a second visit to Sacramento to persuade him to become a missionary helper in our work. But I was too late. He had become fascinated by the Salvation Army method of doing the work of Christ and had been sent southward.

I did not lose sight of him and was glad when after two or three years he went to Pomona College. In all this, though it sadly disappointed me, I can now see the leadership of his Master and ours.

WILLIAM C. POND.

"Repose delights me; not inaction, but the poised quiet of the heart quite content. All our outer days are alike; but with the soul's life it is quite different,—nothing could be more varied."—Eugenie de Guerin.

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WHAT'S WITHIN?

By all means use sometimes to be alone;
Salute thyself; see what thy soul doth wear.
Dare to look into thy chest, for 'tis thine own,
And tumble up and down what thou find'st there.
Who cannot rest till he good fellows find,
He breaks up house, turns out of doors his mind.

IN DEFENSE OF DENOMINATIONS.

It is not nice to be divided. "All one body we" is a motto of strength. That we confess to. But if denominations are a "crime against the kingdom," they are also and have been, the crystalization of high principle and noble freedoms. They have stood for ideas, definite and worthy. And those conceptions of truth, of ethics, have written a history not to be ashamed.

While there is and must be a constant movement toward unity, toward Christian cooperation, if not identity, let no man speak slighingly of what the fathers have done. They were not martyrs of a folly nor missionaries of the trifling. They were captives of noble motives and champions of great ideals.

While we of today applaud the drift toward unity, let us be not guilty of slurring their former-day devotions and sacrifices to the fundamentals of belief and conduct.

CAN IT BE DONE?

Once in a while and perhaps twice in awhile some one asks why the disbursements of the Home Missionary Society are not published so that all members of the Conference may know how wisely the money is spent. The answer invariably is,—It can't be done.

The Congregational News-Letter of the Kansas Conference does it. One of their recent issues gives in full the name of the churches that are aided and the amount of aid that each church has received from January 10 to August 1, 1922. This is a record of disbursements. We note that the largest amount received by any church in that time was $357. Another received $300, and after that the amounts run downward to $150, and even as low as $66.

We shall be interested to learn how long the Kansas people have been doing this impossible thing also how it works.

Supt. Minchin reports that the Iowa minutes report the aided churches and the amount that been given each church.

FORGING AHEAD.

Friends and readers of The Pacific will rejoi know that the paper has almost reached self port. Three years ago there was serious tal the Board of Trustees of discontinuing the p on account of its lack of support and the deficit each year.

But the paper has been receiving an increa support each year and now is able to stand upo feet, almost. The record of the past year, en October 1, 1922 is:—Income $1,164.72; Expe $1,318.55; which leaves a deficit of $119.83.

If about 200 new subscribers could be secured balance might easily be a profit instead of loss does not seem an impossible task to secure an our 30,000 or more California Congregationalist slight an increase.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

Friday, September 29th, at the Berkeley the executive board of the Woman's Home Miss ary Union of Northern California, were guest a delightful luncheon given by Mrs. O'Brien, of the directors, in honor of the president, Charles Gilman Hyde, and her predecessor, Francis J. Van Horn, who are both soon to l the East Bay—Mrs. Van Horn to go to Taco Mrs. Hyde for a year of travel. The ladies disappointed not to have also with them Mrs. man Swartz, who was unavoidably detained in north.

After a delicious luncheon, the ladies sat a the prettily appointed table while Mrs. Lucas, Nash, and Mrs. Goodsell told stories, grave gay, of the older days of the Union—days when Mrs. Nash said, they "were a very small com indeed". They spoke of the faces that had al greeted the gatherings of the Union, the h that had never failed to lift their share, or m of the burdens, until God called them to His la service—Mrs. E. S. Williams, Mrs. F. B. Per and others.

Then turning to the present, the ladies pressed their deep appreciation of the leadership of their last two presidents, Mrs. Horn and Mrs. Hyde, whose hands took up burden as others had to lay it down, and "carried on" right gallantly. They, in their spoke of the joy and inspiration that the work been to them.

The occasion was a memorable one. It was the last time the full executive board will meet in just that way. It was a very quiet company that listened to Mrs. Goodsell's tender words reminding us of the love that makes rough places smooth and untraveled ways safe; that would keep us all, whether near or far. Then our day closed with the old benediction fraught with new meaning: God be with you till we meet again. —H. M. P.

THE CONFERENCE.

Ministers and delegates from the Northern California Congregational Churches gathered in full force at Asilomar during the week of Oct. 4th to 11th for the Sixty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Conference. This is the third time that the Conference has met in Asilomar; and so satisfactory is the plan for a week's retreat by the sea, that the Conference voted unanimously to go there the fourth time, next October, and in the minds of many it would seem a wise habit to keep up indefinitely.

The attendance this year was the best the Conference hes ever had. Fifty-seven churches were represented as over against fifty-three last year; and there were 257 delegates and visitors present as over against 226 last year. The weather was propitious, and the fellowship beautiful.

The addresses and sermons were of a high order; the outstanding features being the sermon by Raymond C. Brooks of Pomona College on Sunday morning, the Conference sermon by Rev. T. T. Giffin, and the incomparable addresses upon the Cardinals of Faith by Rev. O. W. S. McCall of the First church Berkeley. The Conference has perhaps never before had anything to match the charm and depth and spiritual insight of these five great sermons upon Jesus, Immortality, Revelation, God. and Prayer. We are glad to announce that these and others of the same nature will probably be published ere long in response to a very general demand on the part of Mr. McCall's hearers.

A fine gathering was that about the fireside on Sunday evening, under the skillfull leadership of Mr. Morrison; its simplicity and flexibility and kindly interest in all ministers and members of our churches made it truly a "Fellowship" meeting; and the editor would offer his suggestion that such a meeting be always the Sabbath Vesper service.

Moderator Martin presided with gentleness and courtesy which added much to the charm of the sessions. All in all it was a great conference; and the blessing of it ought to spread to all our membership. Those churches that were not represented met with irreparable loss, though they know it not; and the few ministers not found in the meetings should surely next year be persuaded by some means or other to be there. A minister can not do the fair thing by his church, not to say his denomination, who is unnecessarily absent from these annual gatherings.

AMERICA CAN IF SHE WILL.

M. G. Papazian.

A supreme tragedy, one of the greatest in history, is being enacted in our day and within our vision. The scene is laid, not in Asia Minor, but in the United States. It is not what has happened to the Greek people, but what is happening to the soul of America. The soul of America is in peril.

In our thinking about the problem of the Near-East, we may reasonably distinguish between the people and the Government of America. The American people have done nearly all they could, certainly much more than any other people have done, for the redemption of the Near-East. A hundred years ago the American Missionary landed at Smyrna—the same city which the Turk has just wiped out—to start his missionary operations which has meant so much for all Turkey.

Benevolent Service.

Churches were organized, colleges built, high schools, theological seminaries, printing presses were founded. America became the Educator of Armenians, Greeks, Syrians and other Christian races, thereby creating a big disparity between them and the Turkish people, which later became one of the underlying causes of the Turkish massacres. American men and women more than any European nation have acted as angels of mercy in the midst of those stricken races, through their hospitals, orphanages, relief stations and industrial homes. Thank God for what the Christian people of America have done in the Bible lands.

If the question is now raised, What has America through her Government done for the Near-East? the answer is far less cheerful. Has not America a big duty to perform at this moment when in the fall of Smyrna the accumulated results of a whole century of American labor and sacrifice are being annihilated? Let us seek an answer to this question

Disagreement Among Allies.

America can, if she will, save the whole situation. She is more able to do it that any other power. She is the one power that can do it. If she refuses to act promptly and properly the task will remain undone. The Allies are disagreed among themselves, therefore hopelessly confused and desperately impotent. Italy is in sympathy with Turkey. France is secretly helping Mustapha Kemal's army and openly advocating the cause of Turkey. Great Britain seems honestly anxious to do the right thing, but finds herself helpless in the face of determined opposition on the part of her former allies plus the military forces of her open enemy, Turkey.

The situation is tragic, critical, awful. America strong in her resources, untrammeled by foreign complications, is the solitary nation able to save the world. If she refuse none other can do it. The only alternative is the destruction of Christian civilization and education in Western Asia.

Much of what America should do can be done quietly. The major part, probably all of it, should be done through channels of diplomacy. Here is no call for new naval or military operations; there is no question of fighting. The Near-East question must be settled not in Smyrna or Constantinople; but in Paris and Washington. France is at the bottom of the new crisis; it is her artillery and ammunition and aircraft, and probably her officers, that have shattered the Greek army in Anatolia. Our Government can arrest this process of destruction and reverse the whole aspect of affairs, by sounding a wholesome warning to France. We challenged Japan in the matter of Shantung; we remonstrated with England about her oil wells in Mesopotamia; it would be no harder to tell France what we think about her flirtations at Angora. A quiet word whispered in the ear of Poincare would relieve the whole international situation at the Dardanelles and turn the scales to the side of justice and amity.

A Lost Opportunity.

A third fact is this: America has been offered every opportunity on Europe's part to function as she ought to in the Near-East. Soon after the armistice Great Britain, France and Italy agreed among themselves to offer the mandate of Constantinople and the Straits to America. They distrusted each other; they all trusted us. What is even stranger the Turk also was on his knees begging us to accept the offered mandate.

What an opportunity we were given to make the world safe for democracy! It would have cost us so very little. The diversion of a few warships and a few thousand American boys from France to serve just as a symbol of our will and determination would have done the miracle. All the bloodshed which has since reddened the soil of sacred lands woud have been averted and the present crisis would not have happened at all. We declined the offer; we preferred to listen to the noise of politicians; the vision is lost, the opportunity gone.

While the past cannot be recovered, the present may yet be saved. Through the channels of diplomacy we can even today make ourselves a potent factor and prevent the reversion to Turkish rule of any territory lately redeemed in consequence of the war which has cost America so much in men and money.

Objections.

But there are objections. First the Monroe Doctrine. But that rightly interpreted cannot prevent us from any unselfish intervention in the fairs of the other hemisphere. We rescued Philippine Islands from Spanish misrule; we en ed the war against Germany. It cannot block way in the fulfilment of a humanitarian mis in the Near-East so manifestly laid upon us by hand of God.

Another objection is that Public Opinion America is averse to our acting in the Near-E at all. We do not think so. The voice of the p tician is not identical with public sentiment America. The heart of America is philanthro But even if it were so, it still remains true the duty of our Government at such a crisis as is not to follow but to lead Public Opinion. Wa ington ought to create a new enlightened wh some opinion about an international situation w the combined causes of civilization and democ seem to be so fearfully jeopardized.

A final word which was our opening word— ultimate question is not how the soil of Ionia Greece is to be saved; but rather how the sou America can be saved, unless America will bra come forward and do her duty to God humanity.

THE ARVIN FIELD.

About 22 miles southeast from Bakersfield in San Joaquin region is located the hamlet of A which is served by a community enterprise kn as "The Arvin Union Congregational Church." N. L. Packard from Nebraska was unanimo called to the pastorate in January last. Serv are held in the school house with a morning gregation of 25; in an evening about 40. The S day School averages 85.

The Ladies' Aid Socity meets bi-monthly; l after the parsonage and helps important feat of the work. Numerous denominations are re sented in the harmonious constituency.

This fertile valley is watered by deep wells o ated by electric power. Several large fruit co nies carry on extensive ranches, and cotton fi are cultivated. When location of depot on antic ted railroad is determined a church edifice wil built. Arvin represents the inspiring outlook community permeated with the activity and refr ing life of the Church.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Wash ton Conference, held at Yakima, October 3, 4 a is said to have been the largest and best in the tory of the State. The out-standing addresses v those of Norman F. Colman, of Portland, Oregon "Christianity and Industry' and Sources of Pow by Rev. C. J. Hawkins, pastor of Plymouth Chu Seattle. At the close of his address, Mr. Haw

made a powerful appeal to the audience for a special gift of $1,700, with which to meet payments about to become due to our Home Missionaries, for which there were no funds available. The response was an offering in money and pledges of over $1,800. The large attendance was partly due to the Pooling Plan, which has now been in operation several years, whereby the Conference makes up the amount of the traveling expenses of each pastor, in excess of six dollars, which is paid jointly by individual churches and pastors, or in full by either. The average expense to each minister, at clergy rates, is estimated at $9.00 though it exceeds that amount this year.

Rev. Joseph Weiss, of South Bend, has been called to the Beacon Hill Church, Seattle.

Rev. E. C. Wheeler, who has been supplying First Church, Tacoma, since the resignation of Mr. Frank Dyer, has accepted a call to Pilgrim Church of that city and began his work there November 1st.

Among several church building programs now on, are those at Colville and Tonasket, in the sate of Washington and one at Kellogg, in Northern Idaho, which is affiliated with the Washington Conference.

A program has been adopted by the Seattle Congregational Association, for the season of 1922-23, which provides that at one of the two meetings held each month, a 20-minute paper on a given subject shall be read and the discusion opened by a 10-minute address, previously assigned. Last month a paper on "The Personality of God,' was presented by Edward Lincoln Smith, pastor of Pilgrim Church and the discussion was opened by H. C. Mason, pastor of the University Church. The topic for November is "The History and Service of Present Day Mysticism," The paper will be given by C. J. Hawkins, pastor of the Plymouth Church and the discussion opened by P. E. Bauer, pastor of the Green Lake Church.—H. F. B.

EVENTS AT REDLANDS.

Rev. H. C. Ide pastor, spent three months abroad, with Mr. Kirke H. Field, a prominent business man of his church. During his absence the pulpit has been ably filled by the pastor emeritus Rev. J. H. Williams who also directs the Business Men's class. He is to lead them in a study of the gospel of Luke.

The church has recently engaged as Director of Religious Education, Miss Ruth M. Holbrook, a graduate of the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy and already experienced in the work.

A very successful chorus choir is led by Mr. Arthur Babcock of Pomona College, Miss Anna Blanche Foster, acting as organist. A Junior choir has also been trained by Mr. Babcock, and occasionally takes part in the morning service.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY HYMN AT BERKELEY NORTH CHURCH.

In this familiar place
With joyful hearts today
We come to offer up our thanks
To Him who led our way.

How rich our past has been
In earnest lives and true!
We meet to testify that they
Built better than they knew.

God of the former days
God of the present need
Thy blessing rest upon this place,
Make it thy house indeed.

Where reverence and truth
Increasingly abound,
Where rich and poor together meet
And sympathy is found;

Where weary ones find strength
And souls forsake their sin
Where grateful loving hearts unite
To bring thy Kingdom in.

—Julia Sargent Visher.

BERKELEY NORTH CELEBRATES.

For thirty years a fine influence has been emanating from the church in Berkeley of which Ralph B. Larkin is now pastor. There has been a notable ministry in that church from its beginning, upwards of eight to ten men serving.

A happy celebration of the thirtieth birthday was had during the week beginning on Sept. 24th. One evening pastor McCall of the First Church, Berkeley, preached a searching sermon; another evening was given to a fellowship dinner at which Prof. Charles Hyde gave an historical address. About the tables fully 235 members gathered with some of the former pastors.

During these years the church has received in all about 1,000 members, starting with 31 members and now having an enrollment of 377. The Sunday School has grown to 246 members and the church during these years has given over $20,000 in benevolences.

Two of its members are now in foreign missionary service; and nine more of them have worked under the American Board.

A MERGER.

Consolidation is the slogan of the hour. For sometime past many of those interested vitally in our Foreign Missionary work have felt that it did not argue good economy for this branch of our service to have so many organs of publicity. At

last it has been decided to combine the Missionary Herald, the Life and Light, the Mission Studies of the Woman's Board of the Interior, and the Bulletin of the Pacific coast women.

The new monthly magazine representing all the above will appear on January 1st, 1923; it will be called the Missionary Herald, and will sell for $1.00 per year. The editorial board is to be of five persons, two representing the American Board and each of the Women's Boards to have one. Miss Elizabeth Benton will be the Pacific Coast editor.

The new magazine will be somewhat like the Outlook (New York) in size and shape. The Pacific rejoices in this consolidation, and prophesies it will result in an increase of circulation and interest throughout our Congregations.

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RESOLUTIONS.

In order to secure the larger circulation of missionary magazines and wherever possible to vance their quality and also to issue them at least expense compatible with high quality, earnestly request the Commission on Missions take effective measures toward uniting in one p lication the Missionary Herald, the Life and Li other Womens Board Publications, and the Am ican Missionary; and if necessary to accomp this end that the Commission on Missions exer its authority as empowered by the National Cour

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The Northern California Conference renews indorsement of the Near-East Relief and comme the cause to the generosity of the churches it v of the fact that the necessity still obtains that people of the United States shall sustain the phans in the care of the Near-East Relief and view of the recent catastrophe in Smyrna.

NOTE.—With this resolution the Conference quests that this and all other appeals outside apportionment be excluded from our churches u after the annual canvass is completed.

Inasmuch as our beloved brother Arthur Ar

is passed on to the larger life and has left to us deep realization of the many forms of his Christn activities—the vitalizing of the Anti-Saloon eague, the establishment of the Plymouth Center Oakland, the quickening of our Congregational urches on the Pacific Coast, the harmonizing of e differences between labor and capital, the bigss of his great heart in brotherly affection—Be resolved that this conference express to Mrs. rlett our heartfelt sympathy in the mutual loss stained in the translation of Mr. Arlett, the lovg father and devoted friend, the Christian amssador and fearless champion of all good work id inspiration. "Though dead, he yet speaks" and e rejoice in his abounding life in which we all are.

Resolved that the Conference express its hearty anks to the management of Asilomar for their urtesy and assistance in the sessions; and parcularly in providing a publicity representative; id that Miss Freeman be personally thanked for er excellent service in so many papers.

Resolved that this Conference records its approval of the movement toward Organic Union mong the leading evangelical churches of the nited States as set forth in the Plan of Union dorsed by the National Council of 1921, and exresses its willingness to commit to the National ouncil of 1923 the adjustment of any essential deils which the future may require.

THE SUGGESTION BOX.

The following suggestions have been offered to e new program committee for next year's conrence. If there are other wise ones to be made, e committee will gladly welcome them.

1. Appoint a music committee which shall prode special music for some of the sessions; and erhaps also name a pianist and assistant for the hole time of the conference.

2. Give the pastors of the small churches more cognition on the program. There is too frequent e of the same men from year to year; we are not mocratic enough.

3. Let us see the sunsets; eliminate the afteron meetings entirely. Put the study classes in e forenoons—it is not necessary for all of us to in all the meetings at the same time.

4. Put the Home Missionary meeting earlier in e sessions; so that we may come to know who ese men are and better enjoy their fellowship ring the conference.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

It has been suggested that the devotional sere after breakfast should be of a different sort. A better plan would be for the leader to take not to exceed five minutes with the opening service and his remarks and then allow the other ten minutes set for this meeting to be used by those present just as they are moved. There is so little opportunity during the conference for spontaneous expression on the part of the multitude. Thoughts and feelings come to the surface but find no utterance; and this is an actual loss to all.

The diet at the Conference was not all that could be desired. In part it may have been because the management did not know exactly what the people wanted. There need be no increase in cost of food, but there should at least be some choice of viands. Everybody does not like everything. To some Cream of Wheat is anathema. Wholesome food, well-cooked and a-plenty, with opportunity of some choice will prove entirely satisfactory.

It was not fair to the Y. W. C. A. that the registration fee was tacked on to the bill for rooms and lodging. The impression of most folk was that all that they paid in went into the treasury of Asilomar. Perhaps next year some other plan will be made by which the Conference office will collect the registration. Really a better plan, if it could be worked without friction, would be for the Conference to collect that fee from the churches, rather than from those who are already under heavy expense in attending the Annual Meeting. Why not add half of one per cent to the 8 per cent on apportionment?

Many were the words of gratitude and praise for the service rendered by the choir of the Santa Cruz church. Rarely has a choir so sung itself into the hearts of a people. The spirit of these singers, their good taste, the devotional atmosphere of their rendition was beautiful, was worshipful; fortunate is that minister and that people who have such "sweet singers of Israel" to assist in the service of God.

Last year the Conference had a play entitled 'Onesemus', which was a presentation of Paul's epistle to Philemon. This year the San Jose young people presented a missionary play,—"The Pill Box". It was charmingly done; it was impressive and satisfactory. The play is worthy of a better name; but a better presentation would be impossible. We hope that these young people have established it as a habit, that the Saturday evening of the Conference shall always be given to some form of religious drama.

Some of those present at the Conference thought that the missionary evenings were the best part of the meeting. One evening was given to Foreign misions and the other to Home; and both of them registered high in interest and information.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees the Conference voted an annuity of $1,500 to

Rev. L. D. Rathbone the retiring Superintendent after fifteen years of strenuous service. Mr. Rathbone expects to take up the work in Cloverdale early this month and plans to develop an outlying parish in connection with the church in town.

Immortality.

The sun had set behind the purple hills
Across the lake,
Bathing the twilight in a moulten gold—
For Beauty's sake.
And we who stood there waiting for its close
With bated breath,
Knew, that for Beauty, wrapped in sunset gold.—
There is no death.

THE MINISTER

President Herman F. Swartz is to be the preacher at the First Church Oakland during the month of November.

Mr. McCall of the Berkeley First has a nice commendation of the Pacific in his bulletin; he says: "The Pacific needs you and you need the Pacific." We can vouch for the first half of that.

Rev. Stephen A. Norton, who left the San Diego First Church in 1902 to take work in New England has returned after many days to California and is supplying the Manhattan Beach pulpit.

Rev. William Ewing, erstwhile wanderer and Happy Pilgrim of the Orient, preached five times the other Sunday in Honolulu; he writes, "We have a great people here; none more active than our Japanese and Chinese churches."

Rev. A. Melinverni, pastor of the Italian United Brethren church of Los Angeles, has been speaking is some of our Northern California churches. He was for twelve years a priest of Rome and his change to Protestantism, they say, makes a story worth hearing.

The Santa Clara "Prunes", a group of serious-minded ministers, sat down in the shelter of one of the tent-houses at Asilomar one afternoon and settled some very fundamental questions of philosophy and theology under the guidance of C. E. Robinson of Cupertino.

Word has arrived from China that Rev. Horace W. Houlding who founded the South Chili Mission is dead. He was for the past twenty-five years the head of that mission. He was formerly a student in the Pacific School of Religion and pastor of the Park Church, San Francisco.

Rev. J. H. Harwood of Los Angeles, a veteran in our service on this coast, has just passed his 85th birthday; and he and his wife together celebrated their 59th anniversary of marriage on October 7th. Mrs. Harwood is quite ill and because of that and her many years they have moved their home in the city to be near their daughters.

When Dr. James M. Campbell was closing his vice with the Manhattan Beach church, the folk gave him and his daughter a farewell tion and expressed their love for the two by being upon them a miniature bank filled with coins.

Rev. Byron H. Staufer who was pastor of the church of San Francisco in 1917 has died in To. He was born in Pennsylvania but spent of his ministerial life in Canada. He was of the Bond Street Congregational Church in ronto for about ten years. He has recently preaching in a hall in the same city.

Rev. J. W. Price of the Pilgrim church Por Oregon, has stimulated the male section of his gregation to such a degree that the men and have joined forces in erecting a parsonage. worked every evening as long as there was enough to permit. Such sort of co-operation as common these days as it used to be. It people good to get together in this fashion.

Rev. T. T. Giffen of Fresno, has been spe to his people on "The Truth that hurts" and Way into Truth." He discussed at one evening services a few books he had read, the theme "Vacation Reading." Among the discussed were "Joanna Godden; New Churchi old, by John Haynes Holmes; Painted Windo the Gentleman with a duster; and Up Stream German 'with walls in his mind.'"

Rev. Harvey V. Miller who has been pastor church at Sacramento for the past five yea has rendered a good service there has accept call of the Alameda Church and begins his in his new field on Nov. 1. This church has pastorless for many months, since the resig of Charles C. Wilson. Alameda is a field of opportunity; it is a home community and promise.

The Ministers of the Monday Club voted enthusiastically to request Stitt Wilson not t plicate matters in the political field by runni Governor. It was felt that the fight must be b Friend Richardson and Mr. Woolwine who d himself to be the wettest ever. Had Mr. Wils

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an independent ticket he would have split the i-Woolwine vote; with a possibility of giving ifornia such an administration as the church ple and many others like them would not enjoy.

Rev. L. Potter Hitchcock, awhile ago pastor of church at Alameda, has resigned at Villa Park ere he has been ministering for three years. He nt to this field because he desired to do some l missionary service in some small field. The rch speedily came to self-support, the building s painted and tinted, the parsonage was re-con-ucted and made modern, and Mr. Hitchcock ves the field in fine shape for his successor. himself retires from the active pastorate but will available for supply service,

THE DRAMA OF THE APOCALYPSE.

Perhaps there is no part of the Bible so little derstood and so much considered as the last book the New Testament, called Revelation. Perhaps he book were better understood,—that is, under-od as it was meant to be by the writer of it, re would not be such a vast amount of error ieved by many Christian folk in the land nor h a distortion of the real Gospel of Jesus Christ. The thanks of an enquiring people who would informed is due to the Abingdon Press and ecially to Thomas Osborn for his valuable work itled **The Lion and the Lamb,** (pages 264. $1.75). The author believes the book to be a drama; believes that it was written by the Apostle John, ugh he is not strenuous for that; he believes it s written for an occasion and that occasion was e outstanding need of the Christians in west-Asia" in the days following the death of Nero. was written to "enable men to remain true to rist under the trials "which they were under-ng at the time". It's purpose was to strengthen morale of the disciples. He says "The book is urated with the spirit of immediacy; nothing to be long deferred. The creak of the oxcart never heard in this book, everything moves with idity."

"GROWING OLD."

Rev. Reuben Henry Sink became pastor of the ckton church on June 1, 1889, and on October 1 s year completed just one-third of a century in service. The church therefore tendered Mr. Mrs. Sink a reception in honor of that occasion. dresses were made and felicitations were offered. Sunday School presented Mrs. Sink with a quet of flowers; the church gave Mr. Sink a er platter appropriately engraved; and to both hem a check for $217 was presented.

Mr. Sink preached an anniversary sermon on Oct-1, taking his theme "growing old."

WOMEN ALL UNITED.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new."

October third, at the Plymouth Congregational Church of Oakland, was born the Congregational Women's Missionary Society, the child of the Woman's Home Missionary Union of Northern California and the Northern California Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific. If heridity counts for anything, it should be a vigorous child.

The new organization was not entered upon without thought and prayer. For many months it has been under consideration; and the constitution carefully prepared and freely discussed was adopted at the October meeting. The union is evidently a forward step, eliminating a former unfortunate distinction between the home and foreign missionary work.

The new Congregational Women's Missionary Society starts out with the following officers:—President, Mrs. H. F. Swartz; Vive-President's, Mrs. C. B. Wingate and W. J. Minchin; Recording Secretary, Miss H. M. Perkins; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Annie Galt; Field Secretaries, Mrs. J. K. Browne and Mrs. W. W. Furze; Treasurer, Mrs. Omer Denny; Secretary of Literature; Mrs. Howard May; Asst. Secretary of Literature, Mrs. H. E. Thorpe; Secretary of Thank-offerings, Miss Edith Sprague; Social Welfare Department, Mrs. L. D. Rathbone and Miss Gertrude Barker; Secretary of Prayer Guild, Mrs. Wm. H. Cross.

Directors:—Mrs. W. A. Schwimley, Mrs. H. T. Helfer, Mrs. J. D. Hoff, Mrs. W. H. Welch Mrs. F. B. Weeks, Mrs. L. M. Crandell, Mrs. Treasure Davis, Mrs. C. F. Roper, Mrs. J. B. Orr, Miss Lyra Mills, Mrs. Dennis Goodsell, Mrs. H. F. Swartz, Mrs. W. F. Kroll, Miss Helen Parkins, Mrs. W. J. Hazlett.

ATTENDANCE AT ASILOMAR

	1920	1921	1922
Ministers	54	64	68
Delegates	121	162	189
Total	175	226	257
Churches represented	46	53	57

OUR PORTLAND NEWS.

A German Independent Church organized in 1901 and existing under the name of "The Free Evangelical Brother Church" has decided to affiliate with the Congregational denomination. It has a

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membership of 200. Rev. C. J. Wagner of Endicott Washington has been called to the pastorate. The membership of the church is composed principally of those who are of German descent. It has never had a pastor during these years, the services having been conducted by one of the elders of the church.

Rev. P. D. Holfman has been called from the Parkrose Church Portland to St. Helena.

Rev. Franklin M. Keagy of Silverton, has been called to the University Park Church and is at work. The church at Silverton and the Independent Church mentioned above are two which have sought the larger freedom of the Congregational order in the past year.

Rev. A. B. Snider of Jennings Lodge has been compelled to take a rest following a serious operation in the head. He has done a fine work in his field and will be sorely missed by his faithful flock.

Rev. C. H. Harrison began his work as Superintendent of Oregon on Oct. 1. The State Conference met at Corvallis from Oct. 10 to 12.

BOOKS AS A DELIGHT.

By Bishop Quayle.

What we need is not so much information as inspiration. It is not that we are mentally over-informed; it is not that we possess too much knowledge. I think in main that people are not knowing enough to hurt; but knowledge is a thing subject to acquisition. People who find it can get it.

Anybody can put himself down stolidly to the pursuit of knowledge and in a manner acquire it, but you cannot set yourself stolidly to acquiring inspiration. Inspiration is caught, and nobody quite knows where to catch it.

We are in deadly peril of the apathy that comes from simply knowing things, without the wings upon the shoulders of the soul to lift us where the eternal azures stay and where the stars are burning and where the dawns drip down their glory on the eyes of awakening men. (The Abingdon Press.)

CHURCH NEWS.

The Rev. Louis A. Goddard closed his six years' pastorate with the church at Escondido on October 1st. He begins his work with the Olivet Church of Los Angeles. His energy and wide experience will it is hoped lift the Olivet interests to a new life and forward movements. This church is now entering on the second third of a century of exisence and high hopes are entertained for its prosperity.

Rev. C. N. Queen pastor of the recently reorganized Eastside Mayflower Church of Los Angeles is adopting a six Sunday evening program of specially attractive topics. The same are distributed on cards by which the user invites one or more frier attend. An honor roll record is kept whicl be announced at a social gathering which te ates the series.

Rev. Daniel T. Thomas, formerly of Little Church after a vacation trip to Ohio began on 1st, his pastorate with the Grace Church o Angeles.

A notable Rally Day was observed by the Lo geles First Church Sunday School on Sunday, 24th, Rev. Holland F. Burr Superintendent. goal of attendance has 500; actually reache Addresses were given by the pastor, Rev. C Patton and by the Rev. George S. Simons th Conference Director of Religious Education classes have overflowed into the adjoining House occupying rooms recently vacated fc purpose of the headquarters of the Conferen

The First Church, Berkeley, following a custom of some of our churches publishes in i letin just how it stands financially. The firs months of this year reveal an income of $1 two-thirds of which is in payment of pledges by the members of the congregation. Th bursements show that the church has pa benevolences $5,279.

The Program Committee of the Los A Congregational Ministerial Union of which H C. Preston is chairman, puts out a fine arr topics and speakers for four months ahead. are to discuss "The Church and Science" wit bert A. Millikan as speaker, also the "Sc with the City Superintendent as leader; the to be three or four considerations of "Chur union," and at the end of the four months tw Shelton Bissell and E. Morgan Isaac, are to r "Worth While Books." We wish Los A were a bit nearer to San Francisco.

The Kern Association had a fine meetin La Rue Watson and his church at Techach Oct. 4 and 5. Superintendent Kengott spo "Making Good in the Local Church"; Rev. T. Simonds, the new Religious Education D for Southern California spoke on "The F Outlook" and made a fine impression. He to be the right man in the right place. The ing opened with a "screen devotional service" was not only novel but impressive.

The Congregational Ministers' meeting o York City and vicinity holds its session month only. At a recent meeting they dis "The World's Peace and America's Responsi The speakers were Charles MacFarland an retary Atkinson.

On Sunday October 1 the San Lorenzo S School presented at the church in the eve

eant entitled "Out of the Bible." 25 young ple and children were in the cast. The whole formance was most creditable, and the church itorium was filled with a fervent and interested ipany. An offering of $22 was taken for the efit of the Sunday School.

t a meeting of the Eagle Rock Church on Octo- 10th it was unanimously voted to erect a new rch edifice to meet the growing demands of the k. This edifice will be fireproof modern struct- that will cost no less than $50,000, and will be nned to take care of four hundred children in ded Church school class work; it will seat be- en four and five hundred people in the main itorium. The church is showing constant wth and interest. The mid-week meeting has an rage of seventy-five in attendance. The pastor . E. Morgan Isaac continues to conduct this eting on the lecture plan adopted last year, and as proven to be one of the most potent methods reaching the outside world.

IN BRIEF.

ev. John R. Shoemaker pastor for the past four rs at Adin has been called to the church at Fort well. He accepts to begin November 1st.

resident Barrows at the inauguration of Herman Swartz said that we might get along very well iout science, but that we can not get along iout religion.

ev. Charles H. Dains who has done some stren- s and successful work at Etna Mills has been ed to the church at Ripon; he has accepted and begin service early in November.

rs. Easterday of Palo Alto wins the prize by her ise definition of race-prejudice. She says it is mbination of ignorance intolerance and egotism. hat a fine array of manhood was presented by four men who administered the commnion at omar; they were Deacons Wetmore of Lodi, d of Saratoga, Easterday of Palo Alto and Snare eno.

THROUGH OTHER EYES

ie of the new men at the Conference was O. W. IcCall of the Berkeley First Church. Writing e meeting, he says:—

was a means of grace, consisting not first in inging, speaking or studying, but in fellowship. s with similar ideas and devotions talked to- er and knew each other better; it was stimu- g, enriching. Meetings addresses, we have ys with us, but there we had each other."

is Conference was also the first one in Cal- a which Supt. W. J. Minchen attended and his ng about it is expressed in these words:— was such an attractive Conference that I yielded to the temptation of attending nearly all the sessions despite the pressure of office details and the lure of the ocean. Praise to the human and divine forces that contributed to our edification and spiritual upbuilding."

The Moderator of the Conference is a busy man; it is a position of honor, but also of toil and responsibility. Moderator George S. Martin says:—

"What did I get from the Conference? The kind of inspiration and strengthening one must have to be a growing Christian. A greater faith in the future of our denomination, because of its wise and consecrated leadership. A new idea of Christian democracy and Christian harmony."

One of our Home Missionary pastors from far up in the north, where he has a field all to himself, came many miles to attend this meeting; that Charles H. Dains of Etna Mills was repaid for his trip we may judge for his letter. He writes:—

"I have been attending Congregational Conferences for the past twenty-seven years: I believe the Conference at Asilomar was the best for me. The sense of sweet fellowship that came from the touch of brothers: the deepening sense of the presence of the Eternal Father made the Conference helpful."

AN ENEMY'S ESTIMATE.

We can learn from our enemies; in fact we will not know ourselves as we really are if we have only the opinion of our friends. The point of view of the enemy is different; he may misjudge us; but after all his misjudgment must be based upon something that is true about us of which our friends appear to be entirely ignorant.

This is the way James H. Snowden looks at it; and with that thought in his mind he takes up all that has been said against Jesus by his enemies and tries to sift out what truth lay back of their judgments. His book "Jesus as Judged by his Enemies" is novel, instructive and especially valuable because it throws many a side-light upon the character of Jesus. Preachers will find some interesting themes for sermons in these studies. (The Abingdon Press, New York, pp. 246. $1.75 net.)

WEEK-DAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Early in the year a five-day conference was held in Chicago organized and programmed by the Religious Education Association of America. Papers had been prepared for the conference; an extensive and thorough survey had been made; statistical data had been reduced to graphic charts and various phases of week-day school were presented in exhibits.

All this material has been gathered together, edited by Henry F. Cope the secretary of the Association and printed in compact form by the George

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Secretary Cope in the introduction calls attention to a fact that will prove to be new to the knowledge of many people; and that is that week-day religious instruction is not a new movement of the modern times but a return to a good old custom long established in the Christian church and also in Jewry. "What is now going forward," says he, "may be regarded as a restoration rather than an innovation. In Judaism week-day instruction was a normal method of training youth. The synagague schools were not confined to the first day of the week; very early in the third century Origen gathered children in Alexandria and taught them in classes; the catechetical schools met during the week...the monastic schools were eve schools." It is only in modern times that ligious schools have been crowded out by secular education.

In the twenty or more chapters all phases matter have been well considered; the therefore will prove of immense value t dealing with the education of the youth.

Some of the attendance of out-of-state s upon the Summer School of the University follows: 75 came from North Carolina, 7 Missouri; Texas sent 115; Michigan and New each sent 24; and 73 came from foreign la which Egypt, India and Persia were represe

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

IN NAAMAN'S HOUSE: by Marian McLean Funey. pages 295 price $1.75 net. The Abingdon Press, New Yo

CITIZEN, JR., by Clara Ewing Epsy. The week-day series. Pages 206; price $1.25 net. The Abingdon Pres

THE LION AND THE LAMB: A drama of the Apo by Thomas Osborn. Pages 264; price $1.75 net. The A Press, New York.

JESUS' IDEALS OF LIVING: A Text Book in the of Youth: by G. Walter Fiske, Professor of Religious tion, Oberlin College. Pages 284. Price $1.50 net. Ill The Abingdon Press, New York.

THE GOLDEN SCEPTER: THE BIBLE IN GRADED By Clara Belle Baker and Edna Dean Baker. Pa price $1.50 net. The Abingdon Press, New York.

THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S: by Guy I Walker; paper, pages 82; Fifty cents. A. L. Fowle, Ne

THE LESSON HANDBOOK for 1923; by Henry H. Mc Edward S. Lewis. pp. 150; price 35 cents net; Methodi Concern, New York. A pocket commentary upon the tional lessons for 1923.

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